



PROJECT SUMMARY

Ref No.: MRIC-EIBS-0018	Title: Dodo Reef Restoration
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TECHNICAL ABSTRACT	
<p>Our Reef Restoration Project aims to restore 10,000sqm of degraded reef at Coin De Mire by transplanting cultivated coral colonies. <i>Acropora</i> and <i>Pocillopora</i> spp. will be the main coral genera used in this project, as these species once dominated the lagoons of Mauritius. We aim to transplant approximately 20,000 colonies to restore 10,000 sqm of degraded reef over a four-year period. The project will facilitate the Dodo Divers National and International Internship program. Allowing students and early career conservationists to gain valuable skills in diving, conservation, methodology development, data analysis and reporting. We will add a variety of conservation products to our diving options to improve customer satisfaction and expand our client base. These options will include, amongst others: conservation 'fun dives' to the coral nursery, conservation workshops and demonstrations, and PADI certified Reef Restoration course. Our internship program and conservation products will allow on-going funding and sustainability for the rest of the duration of the project. Our project will develop the knowledge of the existing dive staff on conservation practices and research. We will actively advertise our conservation efforts and ecotourism products through social media promoting Dodo Divers as an environmentally active organization, and Mauritius as an ecotourism destination.</p>	
Key Words: Reef restoration, coral colonies, conservation practices, ecotourism	